

Appl. No. 10/628,749
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 which starts with "The present application is related to ..." with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is related to both application Serial No. ~~_____ (20003-7015)~~ No. 10/628,820 entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE CAPTURE AND PAD TRANSFER" and application Serial No. ~~_____ (20003-7010)~~ No. 10/628,750 entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ANIMATION PRINTER" and both filed on even date herewith. These applications hereby expressly incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 which starts with "Figure 1 is a ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1 is a block perspective view a preferred embodiment of the present invention for a pad transfer system 100. Transfer system 100 includes a housing 105, an image transfer engine 110, and a transfer registration system 115 for receiving a pad 120-120x (from a first type of pad 120_{FIRST} and a second type of pad 120_{SECOND}) using a cartridge 125. Cartridge 125 includes sliders (as well known in the art) for adjusting to a varying periphery of pad 120x and appropriately registering pad 120x to engine 110. Pad 120_{FIRST} is a pad having adhesive adhered to one edge of each sheet, and pad 120_{SECOND} is a pad having adhesive adhered between successive layers proximate one edge. Hereafter, any pad 120x will be substitutably referred to as pad 120.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 which starts with "In some embodiments, registration system 115 ..." with the following amended paragraph:

In some embodiments, registration system 115 may position the bottommost transfer medium, or some other portion of pad 120. Registration system 115 may include ~~an adapter/cartridge~~ 125 for holding

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pad 120 during image transfer. Such an adapter/cartridge is configurable to permit registration of different sized pads 120 (size differing in thickness and/or peripheral dimensions). In this configuration, pad 120 is placed within cartridge 125 and cartridge 125 registers pad 120 in appropriate fashion to engine 110.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 which starts with "Figure 2 is a perspective view of ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment implemented in a desktop printing system 200 including a roller as ejection mechanism 145 shown in Figure 1. In the configuration shown in Figure 2, a single element 205 of the transfer medium is ejected after image transfer. In other configurations, element 205 may be separated and removed prior to image transfer. Desktop printing system 200 is configured as shown in Figure 1, including having two access ports 130 for accessing images: one coupled to an imaging system (e.g., a camera) and the other to a computing system. System 200 has two operating modes: vertical as shown that operates like a "toaster" and a horizontal mode (not shown) that operates as a "toaster oven."